

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. The Office Action stated that two distinct inventions had been identified. Election of invention was requested. Applicants hereby elect invention I without traverse. Invention I corresponds to claims 1-15.

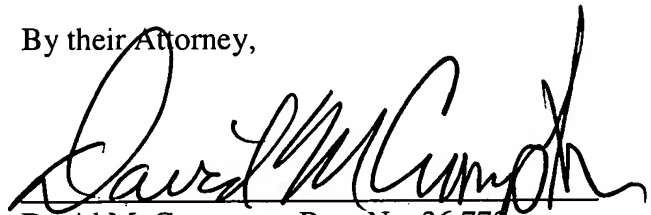
Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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